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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FIRST ISSUE (OCTOBER 1975) OF "FRANCE TRANSPORTS", A NEWSLETTER ISSUED BY THE STATE SECRETARIAT OF TRANSPORTATION. IN IT IS A FULL PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED: "CONCORDE: SOON IN AMERICA?".

2. EXCEPTING ONE STATEMENT THAT USG AS WELL AS REPS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN VICINITY OF AIRPORTS TO BE SERVED "HAD RAISED SEVERAL OBJECTIONS" RE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND SAFETY OF OPERATION OF CONCORDE, ARTICLE IS ACCURATE AND WELL-BALANCED. INDEED, FINAL PARAS IDENTIFY THE ISSUES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS BLUNTLY AND FAIRLY. OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THESE PARAS:

QUOTE: THE DOSSIER OF COMMENTS ASSEMBLED BY THE FAA FOLLOWING THESE HEARINGS (ON THE DRAFT EIS) TOTALS OVER FIFTEEN HUNDRED PAGES. ALL THE ARGUMENTS PRESENTED WILL BE WEIGHED IN THE FINAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO PUBLISH SHORTLY.

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EVEN IF, AS EVERYTHING SUGGESTS, THE CON-

CLOSURES OF THIS DOCUMENT ARE FAVORABLE, THIS WILL
NOT RESULT IN THE AUTOMATIC GRANTING OF LANDING
RIGHTS.

FIRST OF ALL, IT IS UP TO THE NEW YORK PORT
AUTHORITY ALONE TO DECIDE WHETHER THE AIRCRAFT WILL
BE AUTHORIZED TO LAND AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, WHICH IT
OWNS. ONCE THIS SECOND OBSTACLE IS OVERCOME, THIS
WILL STILL NOT BE THE END OF THE MATTER. IT IS TO
BE EXPECTED IN FACT THAT ANY AUTHORIZATION GRANTED
AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL OR BY AN AIRPORT WILL BE FOUGHT
IN THE COURTS BY PRESSURE GROUPS, WHETHER
ENVIRONMENTALISTS OR ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING
LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE VICINITY OF AIRPORTS,
WHOSE HOSTILITY IS WELL KNOWN AND WHO WILL TRY
TO MAKE A POLITICAL ISSUE OF THE DEBATE.

IT IS TO BE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE
ULTIMATE DIFFICULTIES WILL BE OVERCOME JUST AS
WERE OVERCOME ALL THOSE THAT WERE ENCOUNTERED
DURING THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW MEANS OF
TRANSPORTATION, AND THAT THE ENTRY INTO SERVICE OF
CONCORDE IN THE YEAR OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE
UNITED STATES WILL, BY BRINGING THE TWO CONTINENTS
CLOSER TOGETHER, MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO AFFIRM AND TO
STRENGTHEN THE SPECIAL TIES THAT HAVE ALWAYS
EXISTED BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE.

3. COPIES OF NEWSLETTER POUCHED DEPT. AND DOT.
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